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SUBJ: STUDENT STRIKES IN LUANG PRABANG AND PAKSE

1. IN TWO UNRELATED INCIDENTS, STUDENT STRIKES BROKE OUT NOVEMBER 4 AND 5 IN LUANG PRABANG AND PAKSE. AT THE LYCEE IN LUANG PRABANG, THE STRIKE WAS REPORTEDLY QUELLED QUICKLY WHEN AUTHORITIES AGREED TO REPLACE THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR, WHICH WAS THE PRINCIPAL DEMAND OF THE STUDENTS.

2. IN PAKSE, THE STUDENTS AT THE LYCEE WENT ON STRIKE NOVEMBER 5. AT LAST REPORT, THEY HAD MARCHED ON AND CLOSED THE BRIDGE WHICH CONNECTS THE TWO PARTS OF THE CITY.

3. WHILE OUR INFORMATION IS FRAGMENTARY, THE PAKSE STUDENTS APPEAR AGAIN TO BE DEMONSTRATING PRIMARILY AGAINST PRINCE BOUN OUM'S GAMBLING CASINOS. THE USAID ACTING AREA COORDINATOR REPORTS THAT IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT, ALTHOUGH IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT SUPPORT WHICH THE STUDENTS ENJOYED DURING PREVIOUS STRIKE IN
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SPRING OF 1974 IS NOT THERE NOW. HE ADDS THAT LOCAL

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MAY NOT TOLERATE FOR LONG THE
CLOSURE OF THE BRIDGE, AND, SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE,
THERE COULD BE SOME TROUBLE.
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